

**BYLAWS OF THE  
MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION  
OF THE  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA**

**ARTICLE I. NAME:** The name of this organization shall be The Medical Association of Georgia Medical Student Section (MAG-MSS).

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Medical Student Section is to participate in the shaping of the future of medicine in the State of Georgia and in these United States by providing for and soliciting greater medical student involvement in the affairs of the local medical societies, the Medical Association of Georgia, and the American Medical Association.

**ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION:**

**Chapter A. Membership**

**Section 1.** The Medical Student Section shall be comprised of medical students who are student members of the Medical Association of Georgia, enrolled in Georgia medical schools that are accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Committee on Colleges, Bureau of Professional Education or American Osteopathic Association. The Section shall be entitled to one voting delegate and an alternate from each of the medical schools in Georgia which are accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

**Section 2.** The conduct, rights, and privileges of student membership shall be governed by the Bylaws of the Medical Association of Georgia. Student members may serve as officers of the Medical Student Section, as Medical Student Section Delegates, or as Medical Student Section Alternate Delegates to the Medical Association of Georgia House of Delegates.

**Chapter B. Chapters**

Chapters of the Medical Student Section may be established at each Georgia school of medicine. Members of each chapter shall be those students currently enrolled in Georgia medical schools that are accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Committee on Colleges, Bureau of Professional Education or American Osteopathic Association. who are members in good standing of the Medical Association of Georgia. Each chapter shall be governed by their independently chosen chapter bylaws approved by the Medical Student Section State Executive Council and the MAG Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the MAG-MSS Chair to periodically review the bylaws of each MAG-MSS chapter. It is the privilege and the responsibility of each chapter to work closely with the Georgia State Executive Council to develop benefits and programs to serve the students of that chapter. Communication between the student chapters and their corresponding county medical society are encouraged to further

expand the opportunities for students at each chapter. Voting privileges on committees of a county society should be encouraged to be granted to student members at the discretion of the county medical society.

### **Chapter C. MAG-MSS Student Delegates**

**Section 1.** Each chapter shall elect a MAG-MSS student delegate from among their own members to serve for a single year. Students who are members of the state Executive Council are not eligible to serve as student delegates.

**Section 2.** The MAG-MSS delegates shall attend the annual state meeting and Georgia state Executive Council meetings and shall report the activities of the meeting to their respective chapters.

**Section 3.** The MAG-MSS student delegates shall serve as liaison to maintain lines of communication between the officers of the respective chapter, the officers of the state Executive Council, and their respective student constituencies.

**Section 4.** The MAG-MSS student delegates shall endeavor to recruit student members and to coordinate Medical Student Section MAG and AMA membership drives in their respective Chapters.

**Section 5.** Each chapter shall also elect one MAG-MSS alternate student delegate. In the absence of the elected MAG-MSS student delegate during an Executive Council meeting or Georgia state meeting, the MAG-MSS alternate student delegate shall assume all duties and privileges of the absent MAG-MSS Student Delegate. In the unlikely event that the MAG-MSS student delegate and the MAG-MSS alternate student delegate are absent from an Executive Council meeting, the Chapter Chair has the authority to select substitute MAG-MSS student delegates as needed.

### **Chapter D. Governing Council**

**Section 1.** The MAG-MSS shall be governed by the Governing Council. Only Governing Council voting members shall have the privilege to vote during sessions of the Governing Council. Each voting member shall cast one vote. A simple majority of the Governing members shall constitute a quorum of the Governing Council.

The Governing Council shall be composed of the following voting members: 1. Chair; 2. Vice-Chair; 3. Secretary; 4. Treasurer; 5. Officer-at-Large. There shall be at least one voting member representing each Chapter of the MAG-MSS. If there is not one Executive Council member from each chapter then the elected MSS-MAG delegate from that chapter will have a vote on the Governing Council. This will ensure that each chapter has a voice and a vote on the Governing Council without grossly limiting active chapters from holding more than one Governing Council position. Each chapter may not have more than 2 voting members on the state Governing Council.

The MAG Medical Student Section Governing Council shall also consist of the following non-voting members who shall serve in an advisory capacity.

6. AMA-MSS Region IV Delegate if that student attends a school in the state of Georgia;
7. Student Georgia Medical Political Action Committee (GAMPAC) Representative;
8. AMA-MSS Region IV Alternate Delegate if that student attends school in the state of Georgia;
9. Immediate Past Chair for the MAG-MSS

Governing Council elections shall be held in the following order: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Officer-at-Large, and finally Student GAMPAC Representative. This order shall be preserved to allow for students to “drop down” after running for a previous office. In this fashion a student running for the office of state Chair would be able to run for a later office if the first election was not tallied in their favor.

## **Section 2.**

Officers of the Governing Council may be any student in good standing with the Medical Association of Georgia. Officers of the MAG-MSS Governing Council shall include:

1. Chair;
2. Vice-Chair;
3. Secretary;
4. Treasurer;
5. Officer-at-Large

These five officers, plus the student GAMPAC representative shall serve as the Executive Committee of the MAG-MSS Executive Council.

a. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Officer-at-Large, and GAMPAC Representative will be elected during the MAG annual state meeting. Each chapter may have up to two students sitting as voting members on the MAG-MSS Governing Council. At the end of elections, if any chapter is not represented by a voting seat on the Executive Council then their chapter Delegate will be granted a voting seat.

In the event of a tie vote, each student in attendance at the annual state meeting will be granted a single vote for the office in contention thereby encouraging schools to send more than 2 delegates to the state meeting.

b. The MAG-MSS chapter Delegates and Alternate Delegates will be selected by each individual chapter. The GAMPAC Representative shall be elected at the same time as the state Governing Council.

The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GAMPAC representative, and Officer-at-Large will serve for a term of one year beginning at the conclusion of the Meeting of the Executive Council held during the MAG Annual Meeting. Any one individual cannot hold the position of Chair for more than one year.

c. The Medical Student Section Delegate and Alternate Delegate will be selected as per MAG procedures.

d. An Officer of the MAG-MSS may be removed from office for cause upon a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council, provided a quorum of voting members are present. An

Officer so removed from office may appeal in writing to the MAG Board of Directors. The Officer will be allowed to continue in office until the MAG Board of Directors conducts an investigation and hearing and renders a decision. This decision is final.

e. In the event of a vacancy due to resignation or removal of an officer, the Chair of the MAG-MSS will appoint a replacement who shall serve until the next MAG Annual Meeting.

f. In the event that the officer removed is the state Chair, then the Vice-Chair will appoint a replacement who shall serve until the next MAG Annual meeting.

**Section 3.** The Governing Council at its sessions shall address proposed resolutions to be submitted on behalf of the Medical Association of Georgia Medical Student Section to the MAG House of Delegates; shall receive and consider action to be taken on reports and recommendations from the Medical Student Section, from MAG-MSS Student Delegates, and from others as designated; and shall conduct any other business of the Medical Student Section as appropriate.

**Section 4.** There shall be an annual business meeting of the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section. The business meeting shall be held at the annual meeting of the MAG House of Delegates at a time and place to be designated by the state Chair with approval by the MAG Board of Directors. Interim meetings of the Governing Council will be held as necessary. Such interim meetings can be scheduled either by the Chair of the Governing Council, or by a majority vote of the Governing Council.

**Section 5.** The sessions of the Governing Council shall be open to all members of the MAG, who shall have no vote but may speak to issues before the Council after being recognized by the Chair.

#### **Chapter E. Duties of Officers, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Medical Association of Georgia**

**Section 1.** The Chair of the Medical Student Section shall organize and preside over all meetings of the Governing Council and all meetings of the Executive Committee of the Medical Student Section, and shall ensure that all mandates of the Governing Council are faithfully executed. The Chair also shall solicit students interested in serving on the Committees and/or Councils of the Medical Association of Georgia.

**Section 2.** The Vice Chair of the Medical Student Section, in the absence of the Chair, shall assume the duties of Chair of the Medical Student Section, or such other responsibilities as designated by the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also act as a liaison to each of the medical school chapter chairs and to the elected Delegates and Alternates from each chapter.

**Section 3.** The Secretary of the Medical Student Section shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Governing Council and disseminate such minutes.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall serve as financial liaison between the Medical Student Section and the MAG; and shall prepare budgetary requests on behalf of the Medical Student Section to be submitted for consideration to the Finance Committee and subsequently to the MAG Board of Directors.

**Section 5.** The Officer-at-Large shall organize and coordinate all community service, advocacy, and fundraising efforts of the MAG-MSS. They also shall act as an advisor to individual chapters attempting these activities on a local level.

#### **Chapter F. Executive Committee**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee of the Executive Council shall be composed of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Officer-at-Large, and the student GAMPAC representative, each having one vote. The Chair of the governing Council will be the Chair of the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall convene upon the call of the Chair as often as deemed necessary between regularly scheduled sessions of the Governing Council.

#### **Chapter G. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

The Chair shall establish any standing or ad hoc committees of the Medical Student Section as deemed appropriate, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

### **ARTICLE IV. BUDGET**

The Treasurer shall annually prepare an operating budget for the Medical Student Section to be presented for the approval of the Executive Council at the Annual Meeting of the MAG House of Delegates

### **ARTICLE V. BYLAWS**

These Bylaws of the Medical Student Section may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Governing Council or by a two-thirds affirmative vote on chapters attending the annual MAG-MSS state meeting. Such Bylaw Amendment(s) shall be submitted to the General Counsel of the MAG to ensure that they are not in conflict with the Bylaws of the Medical Association of Georgia. After review by the General Counsel, the Chair of the MAG-MSS will submit such Bylaw Amendment(s) to the MAG Board of Directors for approval. After such approval, the involved Bylaws will become operative.

### **ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

For those matters not covered by the MSS bylaws, the Rules of Order for the transaction of business shall be the Rules of Order of the MAG House of Delegates.